

Education Committee,

I am in opposition of HB 5447. This bill will be detrimental to children with special needs who need to be privately placed. This will effect the quality of services that private programs provide students with special needs. Private programs are helping students with challenging and dangerous behaviors learn how to be able to be safe in a public setting and learn to live a better life. This bill would hinder the ability of private programs to accept and safely work with these students who need help the most.

Thank you for your time,

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